(b) Agriculture Minister felt deeply concerned about the extent of damage in various sectors due to the heavy rains and floods and announced immediate advance release of Rs. 55.24 crores, representing the second and third instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund for 1997-98. This was released on 1st July, 1997. The first instalment of CRF amounting to Rs. 27.62 crores had already been released to the State Government on 1.4.1997.

(c) A memorandum was received from the State Government indicating damage to the extent of Rs. 664.33 crores in various sectors and seeking additional financial assistance from the National fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) for relief and rehabilitation measures in the affected areas. After considering the report of a Central team which visited the affected areas, the Naitonal Calamity Relief Committee have decided to provide an additional financial assistance of Rs. 86.90 crores from the NFCR.

कच्छ तथा बनासकांठा जिलों से पलायन

1869. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कच्छ तथा बनासकांठा जिलों में इस समय सूखे और अकाल के कारण, इन जिलों के ग्रामीण तथा दूर-दराज क्षेत्रों से लोगों के पलायन करने की घटनाएं दिन-प्रतिदिन बढ़ रही हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि पलायन करने वालों में महिलाओं का अनुपात अधिक है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इस संबंध में कोई अध्ययन किया गया है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० एस.वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) और (ख) गुजरात सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार कच्छ और बनासकांठा जिलों में सूखे के कारण पलायन का कोई मामला जानकारी में नहीं आया है।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Per capita consumption of pulses as per FAO standard

1870. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing availability of pulses per capita and how does it compare with the minimum requirement according to FAO;

(b) to what extent the gap in the availability of pulses per capita is likely to widen by 2000AD keeping in view and annual rise in country's population and domestic consumption of pulses; and

(c) the strategy, if any, formulated by Government to meet the situation and to make available per capita requirement of pulses in accordance with the FAO standard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The per capita availability of pulses in the country for the last three years has provisionally been estimated as under:

Year	Per capita availability (kg./year)
1995	13.9
1996	12.8
1997	13.7

As per the recommended nutritional standards of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the requirement of pulses for low cost balanced diet in respect of a sedentary man is 40 gms/day which works out to 14.60 kg./year. The information on norms regarding minimum requirement of pulses, if any, laid down by the FAO is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.